

## **Greater Cincinnati Federal Executive Board 2006 Executive Summary**

The most valued accomplishments of the Greater Cincinnati Federal Executive Board in fiscal year 2006:

### **Emergency Communications System**

The GCFEB maintains and tests a 24/7 emergency communications system, which provides the Greater Cincinnati Federal Community an efficient means of communicating emergency information to agencies and employees at no cost to the agencies. The system uses 24 outgoing phone lines and makes outgoing calls at the effective rate of 1200 per hour.

### **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)**

The Combined Federal Campaign raised over \$1,310,846, which is a two percent increase over last years campaign. The campaign closed with a 37% participation rate. Despite the federal workforce shrinking and large donors retiring average gifts increased. Interest in the LFCC continues to grow and the large agencies are represented and have a voice in the decision making of the campaign. We saw this year an increased interest in CFC because it was used as a team- building tool with new agencies. The bond between CFC and the FEB is a great partnership because we continue to share and update each other with current contact information.

### **Public Service Recognition**

The GCFEB is a major player with the Public Service Recognition-Cincinnati work group (PSRC). This group works to promote public service by recognizing those public servants and students who have made significant contributions to public service during the year. The PSRC is composed of officials from Federal, state (Ohio and Kentucky), regional, county, and local governments. Annually they sponsor a Public Service Recognition Day on Centennial Plaza in downtown Cincinnati and give 3 grants to local schools for their libraries.

### **Federal Service Excellence Awards**

This program provides a unique opportunity for Federal agencies to publicly recognize their exceptional employees. Agencies have an opportunity to highlight their best and brightest employees who represent excellence in the federal community. In FY 2006, 85 employees were nominated with one winner selected in each of nine categories. This program is also a networking opportunity for agencies heads as well as an outreaching opportunity for the FEB.

### **Diversity Programs**

The GCFEB collaborates with other agencies to sponsor diversity training and education. The Cultural Diversity Committee promotes the establishment of a culturally diverse Federal work force through the selective observance of African-American History Month, Martin Luther King Day, Women's History Month, Asian-Pacific Islander Month, National Hispanic Heritage Month, Veterans Day Observance and National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The committee uses special programs, seminars, and workshops, as it's primary tools to educate and promote awareness.

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### **Advance the Administration's Goals, Initiatives**

The GCFEB provided follow up COOP training and a COOP tabletop exercise to agencies.

The GCFEB hosted an Organizational Planning for a Pandemic Seminar presented by Tonya Nichols, PhD, US EPA, National Homeland Security Research Center, Threat and Consequence Assessment Division.

The GCFEB maintained, updated, and tested the 24/7 Emergency Communications System for the Federal Metro area. The emergency communications system was expanded to the Federal Court Agencies in Dayton, Ohio and Columbus Ohio.

Liaison is being maintained with local authorities to coordinate response to emergencies

The GCFEB Maintained the Public Access Defibrillation Program for the JWP Federal Building, Bankruptcy Court and the Potter Stewart Court House. Between the three buildings the GCFEB maintains 9 AED's and first aid supplies.

### **Create and Advance Local Initiatives**

The Combined Federal Campaign raised \$1,310,846, which is a two percent increase over last years campaign. The GCFEB Program Specialist served as the LFCC Chair and actively participated in management of the campaign.

The GCFEB hosted the annual Federal Service Excellence Awards. In FY 2006, 85 employees were nominated with one winner selected in each of nine categories.

The GCFEB arranged a series of meetings between agency heads and local congressmen and senatorial staff representatives.

The GCFEB continued operation and management of the Interagency Health Improvement Center. The center provides low cost health improvement facilities to agencies, thereby improving employee health, reducing sick leave and allowing agencies to cancel expensive private contracts.

The GCFEB sponsored training and education on diversity and inclusion for the following special emphasis programs: Martin Luther King Day, Black History Month, Veterans Day celebration, Asian-Pacific Islander History Month, Native American Peoples Month, Persons With Disabilities Awareness Month, Hispanic Heritage Month and Women's History Month.

The GCFEB Federal Safety and Health Council provided training of Food Safety, Presented by the Cincinnati Health Department and Personal Safety and Security Measures presented by the Cincinnati Police Department.

The Department of Energy sponsored Special Emphasis Program Manager's and EEO Counselor Update Training and offered the training free to the Greater Cincinnati Federal Community, which was communicated and offered through the GCFEB.

The GCFEB provided free pre-retirement seminars for CSRS, FERS and LEO, long-term care insurance seminars, Flexible Spending accounts and TSP investment seminars.

The GCFEB provided logistical and administrative support for the Hoxworth Blood Drive. In addition to helping the community, the blood donations were credited to the Cincinnati VA Medical Center to offset the cost of veterans' blood supply utilization. The GCFEB also coordinated a blood drive for the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP), which directly gives the gift of life to patients in the local military community and support our service members throughout the world.

The GCFEB hosted National Association of Retired and Current Federal Employees (NARFE) lunch and learn seminars.

GCFEB provided the FEHB Health Insurance Fair for federal employees.

### **Provide Information, Referrals and Guidance for Intergovernmental & Community Outreach**

The leadership of the GCFEB met with leaders of the United Way to improve cooperation on community projects.

The GCFEB coordinated social hour events throughout the year, which gave agency heads an opportunity to network outside of a formal meeting setting.

Agencies from the Greater Cincinnati Federal Community participated in the OPM Federal Career Days at Ohio State University.

GCFEB sponsored, for the 24th consecutive year, Public Service Recognition ceremony on Centennial Plaza in downtown Cincinnati. The event is a joint effort by the GCFEB as well as agencies from state and local governments in Ohio and Kentucky to recognize public servants and students who engaged in public service activities during the year. GCFEB recognizes area high school students for public service activities. In 2006 nearly 300 individual students were presented with certificates, flags were flown over the US Capitol Building in honor of students and presented to them. Monetary donations were made to school libraries in honor of students.

GCFEB served as a catalyst to promote and foster opportunities for Federal employees to volunteer in their cities and communities. GCFEB worked closely with the local United

Way to encourage volunteerism. Monthly volunteerism opportunity bulletins were sent to employees and a Community Care Week in September resulted in Federal employees working with many local non-profit agencies to complete specialized projects.

The GCFEB brokered excess furniture and equipment among Federal agencies and in some cases with local governments.

The GCFEB maintained an informational web site and an email list system that is used by agencies to communicate.

The GCFEB arranged for special Federal Employee Recognition nights with the owners of the Cincinnati First Star Center at Cincinnati Cyclones hockey games, a rodeo, circus and Disney on Ice-skating shows, etc.

The GCFEB coordinated the collection of "pop top" aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati and the collection of used toner cartridges for the Shriners Burn Institute.

The GCFEB serves as the informal "information office" of the Peck Federal Building. Citizens who are uncertain of their destination of what agency they need to see are referred to the GCFEB office. The GCFEB staff fielded both telephone and "in person" inquiries from citizens.